THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOUR CE DEVELOPMENT (DEPART MENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA); (a) and (b) Information relating to Minority Educational Institutions aided by Government and the amount granted annually to them is being collected.

Equipments lying: unused In UT, Delhi

807. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI. Will the Minister of HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whethtr Government are aware that equipment worth lakhs of rupees is lying unused in UT, thereby affec ting the research work;

(b) if so, the details of such equipments, the time since when they are lying unused together with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken for its proper use?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOUR CE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA):'(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd., Nagpur

608. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mineral Explora tion Corporation Ltd. (MECL) Nag pur is the premier exploration agency in the country to under take exploration work on behalf of Government on promotinal basis as well as of other agencies on contrac tual basis;

(b) if so, what has been the performance of this Company during 1992-93, indicating the physical targets, achievements against the targets during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 (Upto 31-3-93) in drilling, mining (in metres) with value in crores of rupees; and

(c) what was the authorised capital of Corporation at the inception and at the level it stands now as *on* 31st March, 1993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The performance of the Com pany in terms of achievements aga inst targets and the value of work